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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**Title of Invention**

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR COMPUTING METRIC INFORMATION FOR ABSTRACTED NETWORK LINKS

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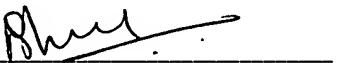
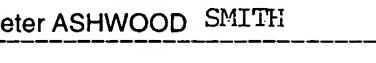
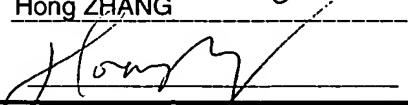
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